Museum as one of its wings. Ministry of Culture also plays a vital role in the preservation of tribal culture. Ministry of Culture administers a scheme where under financial assistance is provided to Voluntary Organisations and individuals engaged in the preservation and promotion of tribal culture.

(c) In North Eastern Region, Tribal Research Institutes have been set up in the States of Assam, Manipur and Tripura.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Tribal population in Maharashtra

107. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of tribals / adivasis in Maharashtra as per Census conducted each time from 1981 to date;

(b) how many scheduled tribe / adivasi families in Maharashtra have been assisted upto March-2001 and brought above the poverty line under the poverty alleviation scheme; and

(c) the number of such families in Maharashtra that live below the line of poverty, till March, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The population of tribals/adivasis in Maharashtra as per Census conducted each time in 1981 and 1991 is as under:

Year	Population
1981	57,72,038
1991	73,18,281

(b) The number of families assisted during 1988-89, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 under point 11(b) of the 20 Point Programme in Maharashtra are as under:

Year	No. of Families
1998-1999	162395
1999-2000	148326
2000-2001	84755

(c) As per the latest estimate 1993-94 by Planning Commission, the percentage of Scheduled Tribe Population living below the poverty line in Maharashtra in 50.58% in rural and 61.06% in Urban areas.

Special package for tribal welfare in Maharashtra

108. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government have any special package for tribal/adivasi welfare and rehabilitation in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) Though there is no special package for tribal/adivasi welfare and rehabilitation in Maharashtra, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides grants to certain State Governments/UT Administration, including the State of Maharashtra, for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes under a number of schemes including major schemes *viz.* Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan and Grants under 1st proviso to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution. Financial assistance is provided under the scheme of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan, to meet the gaps which are not otherwise taken care of by the State Plan. It is basically meant for family-oriented income generating schemes in sectors like agriculture, horticulture, minor irrigation, soil conservation, animal husbandry, forest, education cooperatives, fisheries, villages and small industries and minimum needs programme. Grants under 1st proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution is given to meet the cost of such projects for Tribal Development as may be undertaken by the State Governments, with the approval of Govt. of India, for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes in the State or raising the level of administration of the Scheduled Areas therein to that of the administration of the rest of the areas of that State.

Funds allocated under the above mentioned two schemes to the State Govt. of Maharashtra during 2001-2002 is as given below:

SCA to TSP	:	Rs. 37.23 crores
Art. 275(1)	:	Rs. 26.72 crores